



## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

### Questions and Answers about the Heavy Maintenance Facility

1. How many employees will work at the Heavy Maintenance Facility (HMF)?

**An estimated 1,500 employees will work at the heavy maintenance facility. This would include rolling stock maintenance staff, train operators, central control supervisors and staff, systemwide engineering, maintenance of way personnel, and California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) management staff.**

2. When will the HMF go to construction?

**The start of construction will depend on when the Notice of Determination/Record of Decision (NOD/ROD) are approved, availability of funding, acquisition of property, the timing of the core train systems procurement, and when the selected contractor is ready to proceed with construction. It could be as early as 2011 depending on funding.**

3. Who is the decision maker?

**The Authority and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).**

4. When will decision be made?

**The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant requirement is for the Record of Decision to be issued by the end of September 2011.**

5. How will the Authority and the FRA select the HMF site? (This will be for both sections Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield.)

**Once the submittals from the RFEI have been received, they will be evaluated by the Authority against the criteria described within the RFEI (found on the Authority website). After completing the analysis for the HMF site option(s) to be carried forward, the Authority and FRA will identify a preferred alternative(s) as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) based upon the evaluation guidelines. The final selection of the heavy maintenance facility site will not be finalized until the Final EIR/EIS documents are certified with the NOD/ROD.**

6. Will more than one site be selected?

**More than one site may be advanced and selected through the EIR/EIS processes for the Merced to Fresno and the Fresno to Bakersfield sections. This is to ensure that at the end of the process there will be viable sites for the heavy maintenance facility.**

7. Who will own the Heavy Maintenance Facility site?

**The Authority.**

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